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PROF. ANDREAS PAPONDREOU HAS BEEN TOURING AUSTRALIA GIVING HIS USUAL LECTURE ACCUSING THE USA OF INTERFERENCE IN GREEK AFFAIRS AND OF BEING DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERTHROW OF GOVERNMENT IN 1967 AND NOW RECENT SUPPRESSION OF STUDENTS. SPEAKING TO THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB IN CANBERRA APR. 17 HE REPEATED ALL THE OLD SAWS, COMPARED THE ROLE OF US IN GREECE TO THAT OF NAZI GERMANY. NOT HAVING HEARD ALL HIS ACCUSATIONS WE ARE NOT ABLE TO JUDGE IF ANYTHING NEW WAS ADDED, BUT ONE POINT DURING QUESTION PERIOD IS WORTH NOTING.

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE US MIGHT HAVE PLANS TO ALTER OTHER GOVERNMENTS AS THEY HAD (ACCORDING TO PAPONDREOU) DONE IN GREECE, HE SAID THAT ITALY AND NORWAY WOULD BE POSSIBLE TARGETS FOR INTERFERENCE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS. "ITALY PROBABLY THE MOST LIKELY NEXT VICTIM, I HOPE NOT. THE MAIN REASON IN ITALY IS THE STRENGTH OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY AND COMMUNIST PARTY BETWEEN THEM THEY

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GET CLOSE TO 40 PER CENT OF THE VOTE - THERE HAVE BEEN

RECOMMENDATIONS THAT SHOULD THE SOCIALIST COMMUNIST
COALITION SUCCEED THE US SHOULD MOVE IN WITH MILITARY FORCE.
ITALY IS VERY IMPORTANT BOTH ECONOMICALLY AND GEOGRAPHICALLY."
THE SECOND WOULD BE NORWAY - IT CONTAINS THE WARNING
SYSTEM OF NUCLEAR ATTACK FROM THE SOVIET UNION. NORWAY'S
VOTERS ARE ABOUT DIVIDED ON THEIR COUNTRY STAYING IN NATO
ALMOST 50 PERCENT OPPOSED AND RECENTLY A DIRECT SERIES OF
CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN U.S. AMBASSADOR AND THE "THEN
GOVERNMENT OF NORWAY" WITH A COMPLETE PLAN ABOUT A DIRECT
MILITARY INTERVENTION BY THE UNITED STATES IF THEY FELT
IT NECESSARY.
POPONDREOU ADMITTED THAT HE DID GO TO THE UNITED STATES AND
THAT HE DID LECTURE THERE, BUT WOULD NOT LIVE THERE.
CLIPPINGS WILL BE FORWARDED TO NEA/GRK CASSETTE OF
SPEECH AND Q AND A PERIOD. IF DESIRED.
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